GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF BEE KEEPING INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the measures undertaken by the Government to encourage Bee- keeping industry;

(b) the number of projects regarding Bee-keeping received from various States including Kerala, during the last two years and thereafter, State-wise;

(c) the number of proposals cleared and pending clearances as on date; and

(d) the time by which the remaining projects are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGHPRIYA GAUTAM)

(a): The Government through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has undertaken various measures to encourage Bee-keeping industry. These include setting up of Centres for extension and research in Bee-keeping in the different parts of the country. These centres guide Bee-keepers on various management practices and establish linkages with other organizations, Bee- keeping institutions, farmers and State forest departments and impart training to the interested persons. A Central Research Institute has been established at Pune to do basic research for development of Bee-keeping and honey. For developing Common Facility Centres in various parts of the country honey processing plants have been established. Exposure visits have also been organized for Bee-keepers to successful units.

(b): The number of Bee-keeping projects received from various States including Kerala during the last two years is at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): 414 Bee-keeping projects have been sanctioned during the last two years. No project is presently pending in KVIC for clearance.